

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1853.

## The Water is Coming!

We are truly happy to be able to announce that a sum was inserted on Monday in the appropriation bill, in the Senate, for commencing the important work of bringing an abundant supply of pure water to the city.

This is the best news of the kind we have given to our readers since the commencement of the publication of the *Star*. All our friends know that we have taken a deep interest in this great work of introducing pure water into Washington; and now we most heartily congratulate them, and the public, on the auspicious prospect before the metropolis.

The blessings of pure water for all the citizens are not confined to the city of Washington. All the land will partake of them. There is no part of our country, that is not interested in the Capital; and therefore the people should and will rejoice that the precious boon of Heaven, sparkling water, is to be set flowing freely among us.

Pure water is not only the promoter of cleanliness. It is the conservator of health; the guardian of sound morals. A city that is clean is always healthy; and a healthy city is even protected against the fearful inroads of vice.

"Sparkling and bright,  
In its liquid light,  
Is the water in your glasses;  
It gives you health,  
It earns you wealth,  
Brave lads and rosy lasses!"

We do not know what action is necessary in the House of Representatives. Doubtless all that needs to be done will be done promptly by that honorable body. No higher honor of the kind could it confer upon itself than to be able to say—"THIS IS THE SESSION OF CONGRESS THAT SUPPLIED THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF PURE WATER."

## President Pierce's Present.

The citizens will be much pleased with the elegant and convenient carriage, and large and handsome span of horses, about to be presented to President PIERCE, by Messrs. Dunbar, Riddle, and Fretledge, of Boston, in the name of several gentlemen in New England.

The vehicle is perfectly neat and beautiful, without being in the least gaudy.—There is the silver, there is the rose-wood, there is the cut glass, there is the elegant lining; but there is no tinsel, no trapping, no needless gew-gaw; all is plain, handsome, durable, *Republican*. Just as it should be. The horses are the most noble pair of fellows we ever saw. And the harness is handsome enough to match.

The present is a credit to the donors—who, we understand embrace gentlemen of all parties. As soon as it is to be seen by the public, we will announce its whereabouts to the readers of the *Star*.

**HEALTH OF MR. KING.**—The Vice President elect is at present staying on the plantation of Mr. Jenks, four miles from Mantanzas, that gentleman having politely tendered him the use of his house. His friends describe the place as exceedingly beautiful, and say that Mr. King seems thoroughly to enjoy himself there.

**MR. BUNN.**—Some persons may have unwisely inferred that we are opposed to all exhibitions of genius not indigenous to our own country. But such is by no means the case. No persons admire more cordially than we do the talents of a Dickens, a Keats, a Keble, a Thackeray, a McCready, a Bunn. The last named we have had the pleasure of hearing, and we most earnestly commend him to our citizens. We unhesitatingly place Mr. Bunn, at the very "head and front" of the delineators of Shakespeare that have ever appeared. *He is perfect*. No more grateful amusement of the kind can be enjoyed than the lectures and representations of this gifted lover of the immortal bard.

**MR. MILLS.**—Another article respecting our celebrated American author of the Jackson Statue will appear to-morrow. It should be looked for with interest.

## CONGRESS.

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## Senate.

The President *pro tem* laid before the Senate the annual report of the Coast Survey; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads, reported back the Post Route Appropriation Bill, with numerous amendments, which were adopted in gross.

Mr. R. also moved an amendment, providing for the punishment of counterfeiting Post Office stamped envelopes; which was adopted.

Also, an amendment the object of which was to raise commissions of postmasters in small offices. Adopted.

Also, an amendment providing for the appointment of additional Assistant Postmaster General, raising all their salaries to \$3000 per annum, and directing that their appointments be subject to revision by the Senate. Adopted.

The bill with the amendment was passed.

A resolution submitted by Mr. Cass, directing payment of the usual extra allowances to clerks, pages, messengers &c. of the Senate was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill.

Mr. HUNTER, by unanimous consent, submitted several additional amendments which were adopted. Among them was one appropriating \$29,000 for repairs, &c., to the Executive Mansion.

The amendment respecting all duties on railroad iron was again considered, and, after conversational debate, it was rejected by Yeas, 19—nays, 36. Many democrats voting against it from fear that it would imperil the Appropriation bill.

## House of Representatives.

Mr. STANLY offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling for a copy of the record and proceedings of the naval court martial for the trial of Tobias Stanly, a Lieutenant in the Navy.

A resolution to pay the employees in and about the Capitol the usual extra compensation, was introduced under a suspension of the rules, and passed.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole and resumed the consideration of the Army Bill.

**THE CALORIC SHIP.**—On Wednesday morning, 2nd instant, a steamboat will be in readiness at the mail steamboat landing at 8 o'clock, to convey members of the Senate and House to the Caloric ship Ericsson, and to return them in season for the opening of the two Houses.

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather the sale of plants, fruit trees, &c. by E. N. Stratton is postponed until Thursday.

A long hour—the hour that girls spend on Sunday nights in waiting for their lovers.

The lamps used on railways in England are of three colors: *Red* to signify danger; *Green* to denote caution; and *White* to implicate safety. Applied to trains in motion, *white* implies full speed may be attained, *green* proceed slowly, *red* stop.

**GUM ARABIC STARCH.**—Get two ounces of fine white gum arabic, and pound it to powder. Next put it into a pitcher, and pour on it a pint or more of boiling water, (according to the degree of strength you desire,) and then having covered it, let it set all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the dregs into a clean bottle, cork it, and keep it for use. A table spoonful of gum water stirred into a pint of starch that has been made in the usual manner, will give to lawns (either white or printed,) a look of newness to which nothing else can restore them after washing. It is also good (much diluted) for thin white muslin and bobbinet.

**THE STAGE AND THE PULPIT.**—Edwin Forrest read Shakespeare's play of Hamlet at Yo. kers, N. Y., on Monday evening, for the benefit of the Baptist Church in that village. What will Mrs. Grundy say to this?

## COMMUNICATION.

The \$20,000 for the Washington Infirmary.

## NUMBER SEVEN.

In my last communication I stated I had been so fortunate as to get a copy of the printed attack upon the councils published by the gentlemen calling themselves the directors of an infirmary. Many having desired to see this publication, I have been induced to send you a copy of the part referring to the councils. It is as follows:

"On Monday evening, the 21st instant, resolutions were passed in the councils of this city instructing the committee appointed to represent the interests of Washington before Congress to remove in effect the Directors of the Washington Infirmary by abolishing that Institution. The resolutions also accuse the Directors with 'misapplication of the buildings and grounds on Judiciary Square,' and of conducting the Infirmary 'solely for private emolument and gain.' In the debate that took place on the passage of these resolutions charges of a very serious nature were brought against the undersigned as Directors of the Washington Infirmary. Their motives were broadly assailed, and they were charged with misapplication of funds appropriated by Congress for a charitable purpose.

"The following correspondence will show the manner in which the attack was perpetrated upon the reputation of the undersigned, all of whom it is believed have hitherto stood fair in this community, and who are conscious of having done no wrong to it, and who are equally conscious of having interfered no further with those who are intrusted with the interests of this city than in doing for the poor what it was the manifest duty of its councils to have done.

"The sudden and hurried passage of these resolutions through the councils at this particular time. The influences which prompted them, and were brought to bear on their passage with the total ignorance of the undersigned that any such blow was meditated against them until it was struck will sufficiently expose their object. For the present this brief explanation will suffice, but in a short time a complete history of the connection of the undersigned with the Washington Infirmary, and their acts during this connection will be made public in order that it may judge whether there has at any time been either a 'misapplication of the buildings and grounds on Judiciary Square,' or of the funds appropriated by Congress for that Institution, and whether it has been 'conducted solely for private emolument and gain.' We will now merely add that these statements, though sanctioned by the city councils, are utterly false and without a shadow of foundation, and have been prompted and supported by the malicious and interested aims of certain individuals, and the hope of the city councils of being able to divert from an object of national charity the buildings, grounds and resources to purposes of mere municipal gain.

"Signed by T. MILLER, M. D., W. P. JOHNSTON, M. D., J. F. MAY, M. D., and others."

This is followed by letters from Mr. Pepper and Mr. Callan, members of the Board of Common Council, to which I attach no importance. They intimate that it was hasty legislation. I would inquire if it was not absolutely necessary that the resolutions should pass, if they were to be laid before Congress? I would also ask the self-appointed directors if the amendment to the general appropriation bill giving them \$20,000 did not pass the House under the operation of a rule that permitted any member from rising and uttering one syllable against it, and at the same time their handbill lying upon the table of each member, which I have before stated was deceptive and calculated to misinform persons, if the reader will refer back he will understand the fallacy of that handbill.

I will also insert for the benefit of the commissioners of the asylum the following certificate contained in this same circular:

"WASHINGTON, Feb. 22, 1852.

"We, the undersigned, resident students of the Washington Infirmary during the year 1852, do hereby certify, that during our term of service we believe a larger number of city paupers have been admitted into the Infirmary, and treated gratuitously than the

fifty-two transient paupers sent by the Commissioner during that year.

"We also certify that in consequence of the Corporation of Washington having refused for several years to make any provision for dispensing medicine to the poor of the city, this institution has been seriously taxed by the necessity of supplying medicine to the out door poor, who have been in the daily habit of resorting to the Infirmary as the only means of procuring medicine gratuitously. We assert with confidence that during the past year at least three hundred paupers have been thus assisted with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Infirmary.

"We also certify that instances have occurred of city paupers afflicted with incurable diseases and infirmities not admitting of relief who have been retained in the Infirmary because the guardians of the poor refused to give orders for their admittance into the city asylum, an institution professedly intended for the reception of such patients—and that we have now in the institution an infant in health deserted by its parents which they also refuse to admit.

B. J. HELLEN,  
CLEM. C. SPEIDEN,  
JOHN K. GLEISON."

I would inquire who wrote the prescriptions? Did any one of the directors write them, or did not the students connected with the Infirmary, or those in the office of some one or all of the directors write all or the greater portion? The amount of charity dispensed will depend very much upon the answer to the above interrogatories.

I will soon publish the correspondence I have had in relation to this subject. B.

**PRESIDENTIAL BUSTS.**—We learn that a bust of President Fillmore, by Dr. Horatio Stone, the eminent sculptor of New York, of pure Italian marble, is now in the rotunda of the Capitol, previous to its being deposited in the Presidential Mansion.

We are informed that a similar bust of Gen. Pierce by the same distinguished artist, from American marble, is about being executed.

This is as it should be. Encourage the arts if you would keep the people happy.

**ANOTHER NEW INVENTION.**—A Yankee has just invented a mitten for wearing on the nose on cold mornings. It is warranted, besides keeping out the cold, to prevent the wearer from sticking his nose into other people's business. The inventor is said to be a "blue nose" of Maine, and first tried it on himself with complete success.—N. O. Picayune.

We reckon a "few" might be sold in this market.

## MARRIED.

On Sabbath evening, by the Rev. John C. Smith, Mr. BENJAMIN POLGLASE to Miss MARTHA E. CROWN, all of this city.

## DIED.

On the 21st ult., at the residence of his father in Chester county, Pa., JOHN H. MENDENHALL, in the 30th year of his age.

## Northern Liberties Building Association.

THE members of this Association will please attend the third annual meeting at the City Hall on this (Tuesday) evening, at 7 o'clock precisely, for the election of officers to serve the ensuing year, and to receive the report of the secretary.

JOS. RADCLIFF, secretary.

**WANTED TO RENT** a small house for a family of four persons. One situated between 3d and 12th streets and Penn. and New York avenue would be preferred. Address box 245 City Post Office. mar 1—1t

## TO THE AFFLICTED.

**KIDWELL'S COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT OF BEECH BARK;** a remedy of wonderful efficacy for the cure of Scrofula or King's Evil, Uterine Sores, White Swellings, Syphilis, and Diseases arising from impurity of the Blood.

This extraordinary Medicine is creating an immense excitement among invalids, on account of the many wonderful cures it has recently made. It is for sale wholesale and retail, by ESPEY & MORRISON, Druggists, Corner of E and 5th sts. mar 1—4edt

**CITIZENS and Strangers look here!** Lodge's Rheumatic Liniment has proved itself an invaluable remedy for Rheumatism, Pains in the Back and Chest, Inflammation of the Kidneys, Contractions of the Muscles, Spinal Affections, Ague in the Breast and Face, Fore-throat, &c. Pericarditis. The above relief is prepared is founded upon an Indian recipe, and relief invariably follows its use. Price 50 cents per bottle. For sale by ESPEY & MORRISON, Druggists, Corner of E and 5th sts. mar 1—3teod

## TUBEROSE ROOTS.

WE HAVE just received from Mr. Joshua Pierce, Linnean Hill, a fine lot of Tuberose Roots, which we will sell very cheap. ESPEY & MORRISON, Druggists, Corner of E and 5th sts. mar 1—3teod

## JUST RECEIVED!

A NEW and beautiful assortment of Gold, Silver, and Steel Spectacles, Eyeglasses, Hand Glasses, Mathematical Instruments, Comp. and Microscopes, Opera Glasses, Also, Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Chains, Seals, Keys, &c. Particular attention given to adjusting spectacles to suit all ages and persons. Parabolic, convex, concave, Green, Blue, Gray, and every other kind of Spectacles. To be had at greatly reduced prices, at the Metropolitan Spectacle Depot No. 100, Pennsylvania avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets, Washington City, D. C. mar 1—1w STEPHEN EDDY, Optician.

## BOARDING.

L. W. WORTHINGTON, at his Temperance House on D street, between 9th and 10th streets, is prepared to accommodate several day boarders with board and lodging. feb 23—4t

## AMUSEMENTS.

## NATIONAL THEATRE.

Mr. E. A. MARSHALL.....SOLE LESSEE.  
Mr. A. W. FENN.....ACTING & STAGE MANAGER.  
Mr. H. B. MATTHEW.....TREASURER.

Second appearance in Washington of the celebrated CHINESE TROUPE of Magicians and Acrobats, consisting of fifteen performers, male and female.

THIS EVENING, MARCH 1,  
Will be presented the laughable Farce of  
CAPTAIN CHARLATE.

After which the Chinese Performers will give their second

## NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT.

La Cachucha.....Miss Annie Walters.

The evening's entertainment to conclude with the extraordinary feat of  
THE IMPALEMENT.  
BY THE CHINESE TROUPE.

## ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

NEW AND GREAT ATTRACTION—BREWSTER'S GRAND MIRROR, THE

"GLANCE AT THE WORLD,"  
Will be exhibited at Odd Fellows' Hall for one week only, commencing Thursday, February 24th.

THIS immense and gorgeous work of art (by George St. R. Brewer, the artist of the famous panorama of the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, &c.) has been with seen by crowds of delighted visitors who have been exhibited during the short time since its completion. Artists and the Press, and the many thousands who have seen it, universally agree in pronouncing it the best, most beautiful, attractive, and artistic exhibition in the whole range of panorama painting. It is also an entertaining, instructive, and amusing as it is splendid, giving, as it does, the chief natural and artificial beauties of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America.

The Picture is arranged in three sections, corresponding with Three Zones of the globe, and contains the choicest natural scenery, the architecture, costume, animals, and manner and customs peculiar to each division. For full particulars reference must be made to the programmes, or to the Panorama itself. The mirror will commence moving each night at half-past seven o'clock, and on Saturday and Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Exhibition will be accompanied by appropriate music, and an explanatory address by Mr. C. A. RAND. Tickets 25 cents; for children half price. A liberal discount will be made to schools.

Cards of admittance may be obtained at the principal hotels and book stores, and at the Hall. The office will also be open for supplying tickets each day from 12 to 3 o'clock. feb 23—4t

**A FAIR** for the benefit of the first colored Presbyterian Church, will commence on Tuesday, the first of March, at the Perserverance Engine house, by the Centre Market, and continue for two weeks. The public generally are respectfully invited to patronize the same.

**To Strangers and Citizens.**—*Thompson's Daguerreotypes* are unsurpassed by any for boldness of execution and beauty of artistic finish.

His assiduous efforts to establish a first class gallery in this city, and his continued endeavors to please visitors and patrons, have not been unrewarded. An examination of his pictures recently made is particularly solicited. He is prepared to take pictures of every size and style, at reasonable prices.

Gallery, North side of Penna. avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets, Lane & Tucker's building. feb 25—

**Joe Shillington receives all the** new books and newspapers as fast as published. He is agent for Harper's and all the other Magazines, and our readers will always find a large and good assortment of blank books and stationery at his book store, Odeon Building, corner of 4½ street and Penn. av. feb 7—

**Handsome Rooms.**—Two neat and convenient rooms, one parlor and one bedroom, can be obtained on reasonable terms, if application be made immediately, at the house known as "Butler's Hotel," F street, near 13th, south side. jan 25—1t

**Root's Wonderful Daguerreotypes.** Go to Root's! No matter whether it be clear or cloudy weather. Still, with equal truth he traces Multitudes of lovely faces! Root's Gallery, Pennsylvania avenue, near Seventh street. jan 31—

**Whitehurst's Gallery.**—Where the best Daguerreotypes in this city, or in the world, are made, is on Pennsylvania avenue near four and a half street. He has a splendid assortment of gilt frames, Louvers, and fancy cases, just received, call and see them. jan 25—

## WILL SOON OPEN.

AT IRON HALL, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.  
The Original Voyage Down the MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Painted by J. R. Smith, Esq. RECENTLY returned from the Grand Tour of Europe, where it was visited by admiring thousands, having received the highest award of European approbation from the best Artists and most eminent judges, it is again submitted to the good taste and just criticism of the American people. The additions having been made to it since last seen in this country, this splendid specimen of American art now accurately depicts the Nation at leisure, the towns, and every point of interest in the great Mississippi Valley from the Falls of St. Anthony to the Gulf of Mexico.

Admission 50 cents; a gentleman and two ladies \$1; children 15 cents. Exhibition every evening at 7½. Doors open one hour previous. feb 23—2t

## NEW YORK SPRING STYLE OF HATS.

BEEBE'S spring style gentlemen's Dress Hats, further and large supply this day received at STEVENSON'S feb 26—7t Sales-room, Brown's Hotel.

**YOUTH', BOYS', AND CHILDREN'S FASHIONABLE READY-MADE CLOTHING AND OUTFITTING ESTABLISHMENT,**

Pennsylvania Avenue, between 9th and 10th streets. NEXT DOOR TO THE IRON HALL. feb 24—

## LATEST NEWS FROM FRANCE.

THE SUBSCRIBER has just received another lot of the beautiful Paris fashions. Also, a fresh supply of superior French Walking shoes. Together with a large assortment of Opera Boots, Gilted Shoes, Congress Gaiters, &c., which are calculated to please the most fastidious. Call at the Fashionable Boot and Shoe store of JOHN MILLS under Brown's Hotel. feb 25—

## A CARD.

Mrs. C. S. LEMON, having taken up her residence in Washington, will receive a few pupils for instruction on the Piano and in Vocalization. By long experience in her profession, she will be enabled to impart a thorough and scientific knowledge to those placing themselves under her charge. Terms made known at her residence, Eleventh street near Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. C. S. L. has the honor of a reference to his excellency, Milard Fillmore, President of the United States, and Rev. Dr. C. M. Butler. feb 23—